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ABSTRACT

This book provides strategies for working within the educational system and going outside the system, when appropriate, to get learning assistance for a struggling student. Part 1, "Identifying the Problem," discusses communicating with the teacher and getting vital information, focusing observations and impressions, and communicating with the child. Part 2, "Using the Resources at Your Child's School," addresses getting the student assessed, understanding test results, handling the Individual Educational Plan conference, and understanding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Part 3, "Finding the Right Person To Make an Evaluation," discusses different types of diagnosticians. Part 4, "Finding the Right Person To Treat the Emotional Fallout," describes the roles of various mental health professionals. The following part, "Finding the Right Person To Provide Specialized Services," addresses learning assistance providers such as tutors, educational therapists, learning and reading centers, privately funded specialized private schools, and publicly funded nonpublic schools. This part also describes specialized clinicians. The final section, "Defining Your Role in the School Success Equation," covers assessing the effectiveness of the intervention program, motivating the child to set academic goals, and supervising homework and studying. An appendix provides a list of relevant agencies and parent support groups. (CR)

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